

## Brighton – Chilson Township Park Restoration

### Livingston County

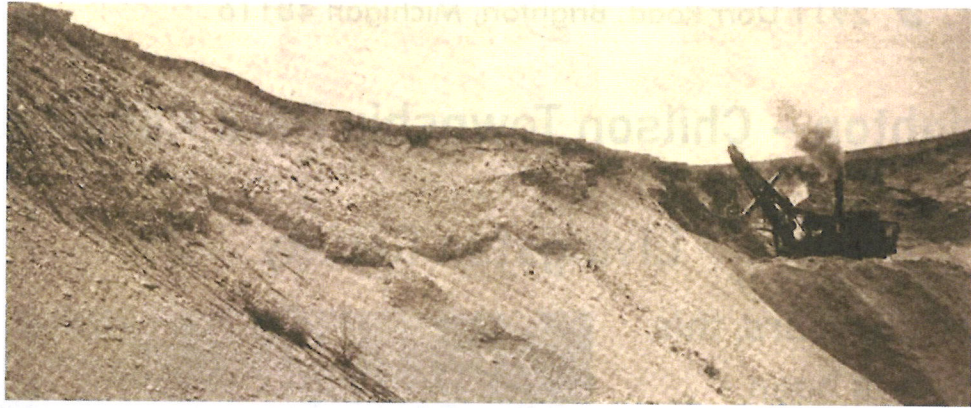
For over 100 years, this property has been subjected to extensive mining, natural resource extraction, and environmental exploitation, leaving the site inaccessible and severely degraded.



Genoa Charter Township purchased the property from the State of Michigan and intends to reclaim and restore the property for community use as a nature recreational park. This project would accomplish:

- Rezone parcel for public park
- Road access, parking area, and picnic area
- 2 miles of Recreation Trails
- Restore 47 Acres to “Oak Barrens” Savannah Habitat
- Restore 28 Acres to Mixed Deciduous Forest
- Community stewardship and local nature opportunities

# HISTORIC LAND USE



**1905-1937 PROPERTY  
MINED**

**1951 SOLD TO STATE OF  
MICHIGAN FOR \$1**

**1960-1970 USED AS UNLINED TRASH  
DUMP (~2.5 ac. off Brighton Rd.)**



Current - Dump covered & vegetated

# 2020-21 DNR CLEARCUT



## PRESENT LAND USE

### 2022 GENOA CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUYS PROPERTY FROM STATE



Contracts with K2 Environmental Consulting for a Park Restoration Management Plan to reclaim and restore the property.

### 2026-31 TOWNSHIP PARK CREATION AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT

State funding supports a 5-year project to create a public park and restore the land to nature. Benefits include:

- Reclaims abused property and returns it to beneficial public use
- Restores nature and creates 76 acres of natural habitat
- Recreates an “Oak Barrens” savannah-like ecosystem, which is a “Critically Imperiled” S1 State ranked habitat of concern.
- Creates outdoor recreational opportunities for the local community and economy

